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FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION COMPRISING 5-METHYL-2(2'
CHLORO-6'-FLUOROANILINO)PHENYLACETIC ACID

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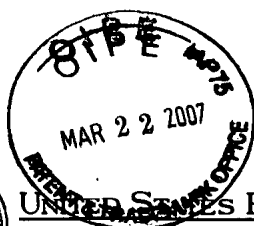
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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

- ✓ This application is a 371 of PCT/EP04/11223 10/07/2004
- ✓ which claims benefit of 60/509,459 10/08/2003



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Title

Pharmaceutical composition comprising 5-methyl-2(2'-chloro-6'-fluoroanilino)phenylacetic acid

Preliminary Class

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